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# H. R. 1915

To provide grants to the States to improve the reporting of unidentified  
and missing persons.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAZIO (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. LUTHER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ARMEY, and Mr. DELAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide grants to the States to improve the reporting  
of unidentified and missing persons.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Jennifer’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

6 The Attorney General is authorized to provide grant  
7 awards to States to enable States to improve the reporting  
8 of unidentified and missing persons.

1 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY.**

2 (a) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
3 award under this Act, a State shall submit an application  
4 at such time and in such form as the Attorney General  
5 may reasonably require.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—Each such application shall include  
7 assurances that the State shall, to the greatest extent  
8 possible—

9 (1) report to the National Crime Information  
10 Center and when possible, to law enforcement au-  
11 thorities throughout the State regarding every de-  
12 ceased unidentified person, regardless of age, found  
13 in the State’s jurisdiction;

14 (2) enter a complete profile of such unidentified  
15 person in compliance with the guidelines established  
16 by the Department of Justice for the National  
17 Crime Information Center Missing and Unidentified  
18 Persons File, including dental records, x-rays, and  
19 fingerprints, if available;

20 (3) enter the National Crime Information Cen-  
21 ter number or other appropriate number assigned to  
22 the unidentified person on the death certificate of  
23 each such unidentified person; and

24 (4) retain all such records pertaining to uniden-  
25 tified persons until a person is identified.

1 **SEC. 4. USES OF FUNDS.**

2       A State that receives a grant award under this Act  
3 may use such funds received to establish or expand pro-  
4 grams developed to improve the reporting of unidentified  
5 persons in accordance with the assurances provided in the  
6 application submitted pursuant to section 3(b).

7 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8       There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
9 this Act \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000, 2001,  
10 and 2002.

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